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**RESPONSE**

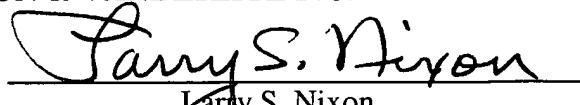
In response to the Office Action dated 08/07/2003 finding that applicant has claimed eighteen patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any of the others taken singly or in combination under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct species of the third embodiment on which at least claims 11-22 are readable.

The Examiner is thanked for finding patentable distinctness between applicant's various embodiments and an early Notice of Allowance with respect to the elected patentably distinct species is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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